



Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group

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TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: State Surveyor Infection Control Educational Opportunity

Memorandum Summary

- **Educational Opportunity:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will provide funding for selected State surveyors to attend the Association for Professionals in Infection Control (APIC) Annual Educational Conference.
- **Nominations:** State Agencies (SA) may nominate surveyors to attend the APIC Annual Conference from June 14 to June 16, 2017 in Portland, OR.

Funding will cover travel, lodging, per diem, and registration costs.

Background

Infection control is an important aspect of patient safety and many State surveyors have expressed an interest in having opportunities to improve their infection control knowledge. There is funding available to send selected surveyors to the APIC Annual Conference, June 14 to June 16, 2017 in Portland, OR, in an effort to enhance their ability to better assess infection control compliance during surveys. Federal funds will cover travel, lodging, per diem, and registration costs. In past years, APIC provided an ambulatory surgery center course but that course is not available during FY 17.

Each SA may submit and prioritize up to three nominations. At least one surveyor will be selected from each SA, and perhaps more depending on the number of SAs that submit nominations.

Contact: Please respond with nominations to Fred Mehl at Fred.Mehl@cms.hhs.gov no later than March 15, 2017. In early April, 2017, each SA that submits nominations will be contacted with the name(s) of surveyors selected to attend this course, instructions for registration and hotel reservations, and funding options.

Effective Date: Immediately. This information should be communicated with all survey and certification staff, their managers and the State/Regional Office training coordinators within 30 days of this memorandum.

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cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management